

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

DIRECTIVE 047

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2020, I, Steve Sisolak, Governor of the State of Nevada, issued a Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, declared a nationwide emergency pursuant to Sec. 501(6) of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121-5207 (the "Stafford Act"); and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19 virus is highly contagious, and spreads through respiratory transmission, and direct and indirect contact with infected persons and surfaces; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that transmission occurs through both droplet and airborne transmission, where droplet transmission occurs when a person is in close proximity to someone who is infected with COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization advises that contact transmission occurs by direct contact with infected people or indirect contact with surfaces contaminated by the novel coronavirus; and

WHEREAS, on March 14, 2020, I formed a COVID-19 Medical Advisory Team to provide medical guidance and scientifically based recommendations on measures Nevada could implement to better contain and mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, in late December 2020, Nevada began distributing COVID-19 vaccines, but the supply of vaccines remains limited; and

WHEREAS, Nevada's hospitalization rate for suspected and confirmed COVID-19 cases has trended downward since mid-January 2021; and

WHEREAS, since mid-January 2021, the 14-day moving average test positivity rate has generally declined, but COVID-19 still poses a substantial threat to the public health; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2021, I issued Emergency Directive 037, which set forth a stepped approach to easing the restrictions on the size of gatherings, reduced capacity for bars, restaurants, and other businesses, that were implemented during the Statewide Pause; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Directive 037 provides that, beginning on May 1, 2021, it may be appropriate to transition the management of certain mitigation measures to the counties, if COVID-19 cases continue to decline; and

WHEREAS, Emergency Directive 041, issued on March 12, 2021, sets forth a process for counties to create a COVID-19 Local Mitigation and Enforcement Plan ("Local Plan") that will provide for local control and enforcement of certain COVID-19 mitigation measures; and

WHEREAS, on April 27, 2021, the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC") released updated guidance recommending that all persons, whether vaccinated or not, continue to wear a mask while indoors. The CDC guidance also outlines situations where there is a low risk of spreading COVID-19 and wearing a mask may not be necessary, depending on whether an individual is fully vaccinated or not; and

WHEREAS, many Nevadans will choose to continue to wear a face covering in situations where doing so is not required, based on their personal judgments about their own health risks and those of their household members; and

WHEREAS, infectious disease and public health experts advised that wearing a mask or other face covering remains an important and effective measure to reduce the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, new variants of the COVID-19 virus have been identified, and medical experts have determined that some of these variants are significantly more contagious than previously known variants; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2021, the CDC released updated guidance that all persons in counties with substantial or high transmission, whether vaccinated or not, continue to wear a mask while in public indoor spaces; and,

WHEREAS, CDC's July 27, 2021 updated guidance recommends universal masking in schools, for all students and staff, regardless of vaccination status, and regardless of the level of community transmission. The CDC explained that this is due to the large population of those that are ineligible for vaccination and the low level of vaccination rates nationally; and,

WHEREAS, on May 3, 2021, the Governor issued Emergency Directive 045, which provides, among other things, that the State of Nevada requires the wearing of masks in a manner consistent with current guidance from the CDC, including any subsequent guidance issued by the CDC; and,

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a statewide public health crisis and requires that certain mitigation measures and emergency management functions will continue to be managed at the state level to protect the overall health and safety of all Nevadans; and

WHEREAS, NRS 414.060 outlines powers and duties delegated to the Governor during the existence of a state of emergency, including without limitation, directing and controlling the conduct of the general public and the movement and cessation of movement of pedestrians and vehicular traffic during, before and after exercises or an emergency or disaster, public meetings or gatherings; and

NOW THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Nevada and the United States, and pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Emergency Declaration,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

SECTION 1: The provisions of previous Directives are hereby superseded only by the explicit provisions of this Directive. Any provisions not addressed by this Directive shall remain in force as provided by previous Directives or regulations promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency.

SECTION 2: Effective immediately, Section 4 of Directive 045 is amended to read as follows:

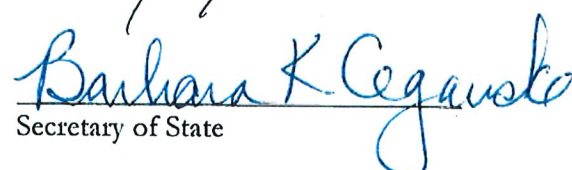
Effective at 12:01 a.m. on the third day following the CDC's release of any guidance related to face coverings, individuals not exempted by Directive 024, Directive 028, or guidance issued by the Nevada Health Response, shall be required to cover their nose and mouth with a mask or face covering in a manner consistent with the guidance issued by the CDC, and any subsequent guidance issued by the CDC. This Section does not apply to participants in certain activities or events, including but not limited to: athletes, performers, or musicians, to the extent other directives set forth less restrictive face covering requirements for those participants.

SECTION 3: The provisions of this Directive remain in effect until amended or terminated by a subsequent Directive promulgated pursuant to the March 12, 2020 Declaration of Emergency to facilitate the State's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, or upon dissolution or termination of the Declaration of Emergency.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nevada to be affixed this 27th day of July, in the year two thousand twenty-one.


Governor of the State of Nevada


Secretary of State

Deputy Secretary of State